



October 30, 2019

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Dear Mr. Guariglia,

This is a follow-up response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of October 01, 2019 for records in the custody of the National Archives and Records Administration. Your request was received in this office on October 04, 2019 and assigned FOIA tracking number **63272**.

You requested access to case file number 91-HQ-4879, identified by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) as potentially responsive to your request for records relating to Henry Randolph Mitchell. My initial assessment confirms that Henry Randolph Mitchell is in fact the subject of this file. The file is arranged in twenty-five sections and has an estimated 3300 pages, compiled as part of an internal security investigation conducted between January 1948 and September 1958.

In addition, our Textual Reference Division here at our College Park facility searched the Department of Justice's (DOJ) Criminal Division Index and found a citation for a litigation case file on Henry Randolph Mitchell. The DOJ litigation case file number is 29-100-1285. I searched our stack holdings and located the file. The file is arranged in three sections and has an estimated 600 pages, compiled as part of an internal security investigation conducted between February 1948 and August 1958.

Both of these files will require screening for categories of information exempted from disclosure under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act, prior to public release. In particular, there are documents that may be redacted to protect the identities of confidential sources, including FBI informant codes and informant file numbers.

Requests for records that exceed 3,900 pages are assigned to our third-tier processing queue. You will receive a response in partial fulfillment of your request after we have completed the first increment. We will provide you with an update on the status of your request and an estimated completion date at that time. To give you an indication of our existing backlog, we are currently processing requests received in August 2013.

In my email correspondence to you dated October 10, 2019, I explained that due to the size of the files and the fact that they would need to be screened for information exempted from disclosure under the FOIA, your request would be placed in our third-tier processing queue. In the same correspondence, I indicated that if you were interested in narrowing your request to potentially

reduce processing time, that you could contact me directly by telephone or by email to further discuss your case. As of October 30, 2019, I have not received a response therefore; your FOIA case will be placed in our third-tier queue. Again, to give you an indication of our existing backlog, we are currently processing requests from this queue received in August 2013.

Please note that once we have notified you that we have completed the first increment, you may either visit our College Park, MD facility to view the file at no cost or order a reproduction. You may order a reproduction copy at the cost of \$0.80 per page by contacting our office to place an order. We estimate that the cost of a reproduction will be \$3,120, 00.

To notify this office of a change in your contact information or to track the status of your request, please telephone 301-837-3190 or e-mail [specialaccess\\_foia@nara.gov](mailto:specialaccess_foia@nara.gov). If you have specific questions regarding the subject of your request, please contact me directly at 301-837-3042 or [christina.jones@nara.gov](mailto:christina.jones@nara.gov). All communications concerning this request should reference your FOIA tracking number **63272**. If this communication is returned as undeliverable and no return address is provided, your case will be administratively closed.

If you are not satisfied with our action on this request and would like the opportunity to discuss our response, you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison for assistance:

Accessioned Executive Branch Records – Washington, DC Area  
FOIA Requester Service Center: 301-837-3190  
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Sincerely,



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